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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: Jose FUGUERAS :  
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Title : ARMCHAIR FOLDING SYSTEM : Dated : May 4,  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Attached are Amended Claims and Remarks, each starting  
on a separate page.

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

### 1. (Original)

A folding arrangement in armchairs of the type comprising an articulated tilting assembly of the seat (1) of the armchair and an articulated tilting assembly of the corresponding armrests (3), characterized in that the articulated assembly of each armrest (3) is provided on a rotatory shaft (4), on which a spring (5) is arranged acting with a tendency to maintain the armrest (3) in an upwards tilted position, the armrest (3) incorporating laterally an angular element (6), whereas seat (1) is provided on its sides with pins (7) capable of supporting on their upper part the angular elements (6) of the respective armrests (3), determining a drag effect in relation to the tilting between the seat (1) and the armrest (3).

### 2. (Original)

A folding arrangement in armchairs according to the first claim, characterized in that the shaft (4) of the assembly of the armrests (3) is fixed to the armchair structure, the assembly of the corresponding armrest (3) being established in free rotation on said shaft (4) by

means of rotational bushings (8), with the rotation being limited between the respective angular positions established by two radial rods (9) of the shaft (4), on which a lug (10) fixed to the armrest (3) acts as a stop.

3. (Currently Amended)

A folding arrangement in armchairs according to ~~Claims 1 and Claim 2~~, characterized in that the armrests (3) which are common for two adjacent armchairs are provided with angular elements (6) in both their sides, establishing an independent drag effect in the tilting with respect to each one of the seats (1) of the adjacent two armchairs.

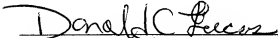
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are pending. Claim 3 has been amended to place it into conventional U.S. format.

Should any fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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